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Draft decision on the modalities of attendance of non-governmental organizations at the sessions of the Preparatory Committee as well as at the Conference

The Preparatory Committee for the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, recalling paragraph 4 of General Assembly resolution 54/54 V of 15 December 1999, decides that:

(a) With respect to the attendance of non-governmental organizations at the sessions of the Preparatory Committee and at the United Nations Conference on the Illicit Trade in Small Arms and Light Weapons in All Its Aspects, attendance should be open to:

(i) Non-governmental organizations enjoying consultative status with the Economic and Social Council;

(ii) Non-governmental organizations relevant and competent as regards the scope and the purpose of the Conference, provided that their requests are accompanied by information on the organization's purpose, programmes and activities in areas relevant to the scope of the Conference;

(b) These requests by non-governmental organizations to attend the meetings of the Preparatory Committee or the Conference will be presented to the Chairman of the Preparatory Committee, who subsequently will provide the Committee with the list of attending non-governmental organizations. Member States will decide on a no-objection basis regarding the attendance of these non-governmental organizations;

(c) Non-governmental organizations may attend the meetings of the Preparatory Committee and the Conference, other than those designated as closed;

(d) Non-governmental organizations that have been accredited to the Preparatory Committee may attend the Conference, unless otherwise decided by the Conference;

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(e) Representatives of registered non-governmental organizations will be allowed to address the Conference and its Preparatory Committee during one meeting specifically allocated for this purpose. This meeting will not coincide with other meetings of the Conference or its Preparatory Committee;

(f) At their own expense, non-governmental organizations may provide material to the delegations, outside the conference room, in the area of the Preparatory Committee as well as the Conference;

(g) Non-governmental organizations that attend these meetings will be provided, upon request, with documents related to the Preparatory Committee and to the Conference.